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From: Dr. Franklin Kirksey [fkirksey@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2008 8:26 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Congratulations

Dear Governor Palin,

Congratulations on being selected by Senator John McCain as his Vice Presidential running mate!

I appreciate and applaud your conservative views.

Alexis de Tocqueville, the famous 19th century French statesman, historian and social philosopher, traveled to America in the 1830s to discover the reasons for the incredible success of this new nation. He published his observations in his classic two-volume work, *Democracy in America*. He was especially impressed by America's religious character. Here are some startling excerpts from Tocqueville's great work:

Upon my arrival in the United States the religious aspect of the country was the first thing that struck my attention; and the longer I stayed there, the more I perceived the great political consequences resulting from this new state of things.
In France I had almost always seen the spirit of religion and the spirit of freedom marching in opposite directions. But in America I found they were intimately united and that they reigned in common over the same country.

Religion in America...must be regarded as the foremost of the political institutions of that country; for if it does not impart a taste for freedom, it facilitates the use of it. Indeed, it is in this same point of view that the inhabitants of the United States themselves look upon religious belief.

I do not know whether all Americans have a sincere faith in their religion – for who can search the human heart? But I am certain that they hold it to be indispensable to the maintenance of republican institutions. This opinion is not peculiar to a class of citizens or a party, but it belongs to the whole nation and to every rank of society.
In the United States, the sovereign authority is religious...there is no country in the world where the Christian religion retains a greater influence over the souls of men than in America, and there can be no greater proof of its utility and of its conformity to human nature than that its influence is powerfully felt over the most enlightened and free nation of the earth.
In the United States, the influence of religion is not confined to the manners, but it extends to the intelligence of the people...
Christianity, therefore, reigns without obstacle, by universal consent...

I sought for the key to the greatness and genius of America in her harbors...; in her fertile fields and boundless forests; in her rich mines and vast world commerce; in her public school system and institutions of learning. I sought for it in her democratic Congress and in her matchless Constitution.

Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power.
America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great.

The safeguard of morality is religion, and morality is the best security of law as well as the surest pledge of freedom.
The Americans combine the notions of Christianity and of liberty so intimately in their minds, that it is impossible to make them conceive the one without the other
Christianity is the companion of liberty in all its conflicts – the cradle of its infancy, and the divine source of its claims.
Available from: http://www.leaderu.com/orgs/cdf/onug/detocq.html Accessed: 08/30/08

The Lord allowed me to write a book titled ***Sound Biblical Preaching: Giving the Bible a Voice***, which would be a great addition to any pastor's library or for anyone who desires to support a strong pulpit ministry. Over 70 Christian educators, executives, evangelists and Bible expositors have written endorsement like Dr. Stephen F. Olford, Major W. Ian Thomas, Dr. D. Stuart Briscoe, and former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee. Men and women, pastors and laypeople, black and white, rich and poor, have endorsed this book.

We continue to receive words like these:

I know of no greater need behind the pulpits in America than for sound, biblical preaching. With that in mind, I commend to you the Christ-honoring, expositional, exalting, teaching of Franklin Kirksey. You will be helped by his ministry.

Blessings!

Pastor Johnny Hunt
Dr. Johnny Hunt, senior pastor First Baptist Church of Woodstock, Georgia. Dr. Hunt serves as president of the Southern Baptist Convention (2008) and served as president of the Pastors' Conference of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1996. In 1997 Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary endowed the Chair of Church Growth in honor of Johnny Hunt. Dr. Hunt has followed his vision of ministering encouragement, instruction and refuge to church leaders of all generations through the Timothy Barnabas Ministry for the past 14 years. Dr. Hunt is the author of many books to include Building Your Spiritual Resume: Developing A Testimony That Will Outlast You.

December 12, 2007

Dear Dr. Frank, "I am in enthusiastic praise for all believers to read your book [*Sound Biblical Preaching*], whether being called to ordained ministry in Jesus name or not. God bless you for bringing God's Word to us each Sunday." In Jesus name, Mrs. Ivel Patterson Caldwell

Mrs. Ivel Patterson Caldwell was born on January 10, 1913 in Mobile, Alabama; Mrs. Caldwell was in the first graduating class of Murphy High School in 1930. She was married to James Francis Caldwell on August 25, 1934. She encouraged her husband's educational pursuit as he received the Ed. D. from Columbia University in New York. Mrs. Caldwell offered tireless support to her husband, who served as Chief Education Advisor for the United States Government and the governments of Iraq (Baghdad), Jordan (Amman), and Indonesia (Djakarta), and later as Vice President for Development and Contracts at the University of South Alabama. Dr. Caldwell made the following dedication in his book titled, *Magic-No! Miracle-Yes! The Founding and Early Development of the University of South Alabama*: "This book is dedicated to my wife Ivel P. Caldwell for her invaluable assistance in its creation." In 1993, the Caldwell's children established an endowment scholarship named the James and Ivel Caldwell International Studies Program at the University of South Alabama. Mrs. Caldwell has a long-standing interest in missions and has walked with the Lord for many years. She has the distinction of being the oldest member of First Baptist Church of Spanish Fort, Alabama. Mrs. Caldwell went to be with the Lord on July 22, 2008.

We are all indebted to Dr. Kirksey for his excellent research, dedication, and implementation of Sound Biblical Preaching. This generation is in dire need not only for instruction on the "how" exegesis but a model to follow. Dr. Kirksey has given us both. Sound Biblical Preaching is what every man who steps in the pulpit should be about.

Dr. Mac Brunson, senior pastor of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida. Dr. Brunson previously served as senior pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, for seven years, in addition to working as chancellor of Criswell College. He was president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference in 2003 and president of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina from 1997-1999. Dr. Brunson is the author and co-author of many books to include The New Guidebook for Pastors.

To Friends of God's Word:

I am pleased to commend to you Sound Biblical Preaching: Giving the Bible a Voice by Dr. Franklin L. Kirksey. In this Volume Frank has carefully made a case for the supremacy of the Bible in Christian preaching and the need for ministers to return to expository preaching in fulfilling Christ's command to "feed my sheep." Dr. Kirksey cites outstanding contemporary biblical preachers and the success they have had. He is convincing in his argument that sound biblical preaching is the heart and soul of a pastor's pulpit ministry and is the basis for building great churches.

You will find much sage advice in Sound Biblical Preaching: Giving the Bible a Voice.

God Bless,

Dr. Tommy King, President

William Carey University, Hattiesburg, Mississippi

September 18, 2006
Dear Pastor Kirksey:
I will say without any hesitation I would have no problem in offering your book to someone, even if there was no "calling to preach".
[Sound] Biblical Preaching is easy to read and understand. It is challenging and thought provoking.
First of all, if the person has not been to Calvary, it is time to bow at the feet of Jesus who gave his life for you, me and all.
It is the word of God that saves souls and not our comments on them. Smite them with the edge of the SWORD. (I think Spurgeon said this). To me, it is the beginning of sound Biblical preaching.
Sharon, as you stand by your husband, my prayers will always be for gentle moments, soft words and acts of kindness to surround you both. Now it is your turn to write something for the pastors' wives, from these times forward.
God bless you and keep you both and guide you in all you do.
"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that publish it." Psalm 68:11
In Jesus Name
Dorothy Jones
Dorothy P. Jones, former Director, Cottage Hill Baptist Church Tract Ministry, Mobile, Alabama

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Preaching for most of us preachers is a real passion. Franklin's book gives us a foundation for our passion. Sometimes we need some fire but at all times we need the foundation. Sometimes we may need a focus but we always need the foundation. If we only have the fire and the focus we may be impressive but irrelevant. This book reminds us who are preachers and reveals to those who are not, that preaching is not just a chosen vocation but a Divine operation. We just purchased a large number to give to our Bible Institute preachers.

Dr. Ronnie Barefield
Pastor, Unity Baptist Church
President and Co-Founder North Mississippi Baptist Bible Institute
Ripley, Mississippi

Dr. Kirksey,

Thank you for the friendship you've extended to me and for the encouragement. I am really impressed with your competence in ministry, love for the Lord, and kindness toward others like myself.

I ordered your book soon after returning home from Indianapolis. I got it in the mail yesterday and read it in one sitting last night. It was too good to put down. "Sound Biblical Preaching" is instructive and inspiring. I am grateful for your authorship of such an excellent book. It gave me a spiritual and ministerial boost that I really needed.

I feel blessed to know you and to have been strengthened in my commitment to the ministry through your faithfulness.

Dr. Daniel Wilson, pastor
Raleigh Avenue Baptist Church, Homewood, Alabama

Foreword by Dr. Stephen F. Olford and **Preface** by Major W. Ian Thomas

More Endorsements

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Spanish Fort pastor focuses book on preaching

By Karen L. Willoughby
August 4, 2005

A recent book on preaching is attracting the interest of laypeople and deacons as well as men who feel called to the gospel ministry, according to its author, Alabama-native Franklin L. Kirksey, pastor of First Baptist Church, Spanish Fort.

"Sound Biblical Preaching: Giving the Bible a Voice" was originally envisioned as a guide to those feeling a call to ministry, but that ended up being just a starting point, Kirksey said.

"The ministry is difficult and many are giving up on it after the first few difficult situations," he said. "This book was written to encourage the young pastor who is starting out, the older pastor who is burning out and everyone in between."

In addition, deacons and laypeople who read the book gain an understanding of God's demands on their pastors and the need to sit under biblical preaching, Kirksey said.

The self-published 174-page book is concisely divided into three parts: accepting God's call to preach, affirming God's call to preach and apprehending God's call to preach.

In "Sound Biblical Preaching," Kirksey writes about the desire to preach, decision to become a preacher and delight of preaching.

The devotion, dedication and determination of the preacher are covered in the second stage of the book.

In the third, Kirksey moves to the definition and description of biblical preaching and the development and delivery of sound biblical sermons.

"Dr. Kirksey, by his extensive research, has accumulated a great deal of godly wisdom in his book ... gleaned from a large number of godly men of considerable experience," wrote Major W. Ian Thomas, a ministry leader in England, in the book's preface.

"The basic premise is that when God calls, you need to answer," Kirksey said.

"When God has truly called, that's what you need to hold onto in tough times," he said. "I have illustrations and quotations from great men; (Arkansas) Governor Mike Huckabee says the quotations are worth the price of the book."

Kirksey wrote the book in 2000 and during the following year gathered at least 30 endorsements for it that fill the first nine pages.

It was published in 2004 through BookSurge Publishing of North Charleston, S.C.

The late Stephen Olford, acclaimed preaching instructor from Memphis, Tenn., had this to say in the book's foreword: "Dr. Kirksey has surveyed the best evangelical gardens and picked some of the best flowers on the subject of preaching.

"Preaching has always been the minister's greatest opportunity and responsibility. ... When preaching has been dynamic, the church has been strong; where it has been insipid, the church has been weak."

James W. Bryant of Criswell College in Dallas wrote that the strongest portion of the book is its third section, and the best material — development and delivery of sound biblical sermons — is found in the last two chapters.

"In this brief but powerful book, Dr. Franklin Kirksey fleshes out what sound biblical preaching means for the life of the church today," wrote Timothy George, dean of Beeson Divinity School at Samford University.

The development of a writing ministry emerged gradually in Kirksey's life and first blossomed in 1987 with a pastor's column in a local newspaper. Since then, he has penned four gospel tracts, numerous items in Pulpit Helps magazine and LifeWay Christian Resources publications, among other things.

"The first step to beginning a writing ministry is prayer," Kirksey said. "If you sense the Lord's leadership to pursue a writing ministry, be willing to start small. The prophet Zechariah warns: 'Do not despise the day of small beginnings.'"

Gather the appropriate tools, he added. These might include a Bible, dictionary and thesaurus, as well as books on grammar and word usage. "When God places the desire to write within your heart, He will work in and through you for His glory," Kirksey said.

While still promoting "Sound Biblical Preaching," Kirksey already is gathering material for his second book, which will be on the topic of revivals. It's a book Olford asked him to write, he said.

"Why do I write? It's a passion and a burden and expansion of the ministry God has given me," Kirksey said. "Every time you see the Lord work, you're filled with wonder and awe."

Kirksey's book is available on amazon.com and from the author.

Available from: http://www.thealabamabaptist.org/print-edition-article-detail.php?id_art=1045&pricat_art=6 Accessed: 08/23/08

Sound Biblical Preaching would be a great gift for those in the pulpit or the pew.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Blessings,

Franklin

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2008 8:08 AM
To: Galvin; Patrick S (DOR)
Subject: Re: Un-Flippin-Believable!

Can you flippinbelieveit?! Thanks for your kind words- and for keeping the homes fire burning. Thank you! We love you guys!

------Original Message------

From: Pat Galvin

To: Governor Sarah Palin

Sent: Aug 29, 2008 11:32 PM

Subject: Un-Flippin-Believable!

We are so proud and excited for you. Great speech, too! We'll catch

you on the other side, enjoy the ride.

As always, let me know if there is anything I can do for you. God speed!

-Pat

Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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From: lmlorijean@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2008 11:46 AM
To: info@mccain08hq.com
Cc: Palin; Sarah H (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Morgan; Katryn L (GOV)
Subject: Former Pennsylvanian living in Alaska

Hello

I am so excited about this nomination. As a citizen of Alaska who has gotten involved only recently with the political process, I identify with Sarah Palin on so many levels. My husband and I became passionate about an environmental/economic issue in Alaska and demanded action from our legislature last year. Rep Craig Johnson responded and a bill was introduced. Troy and I worked hard, as did many others, and the bill was passed unanimously in April of this year. Governor Palin attended a rally to sign the bill personally. Troy and I have been invited to speak in Washington D.C., Reno NV and other state and local events to talk about how we have been able to make a difference in Alaska through the political process. I recently had a meeting in D.C. with Henri Bisson, Deputy Director of BLM, to discuss the issues facing Alaska. We have coordinated the formation of the Anchorage Cooperative Weed Management Area and been involved with many other groups working to protect Alaska. All of this in the last year, after recognizing the consequences of inaction.

The reason I believe that Sarah Palin can make a difference and is ready for this challenge is because I have experienced living that reality myself. As a working person, a 911 dispatcher for the Anchorage Fire Department, and a regular citizen, I feel proud of what I have been able to accomplish. I recognize that being intimidated by Government, and those who hold positions in it, is not necessary and not how you make progress. When your message is true and your passion sincere, it is possible to create the change you seek.

I was a dispatcher in Fairfax County, VA on Sept 11, 2001 and was sent out to the Pentagon after the terrorist acts. I witnessed the aftermath of those acts and saw American resilience, determination and strength. My sense of country and pride was heightened then and has continued to this moment.

I am from Pennsylvania originally and have encouraged everyone I know to become involved in the process there, with PA being such a crucial swing state.

If I were writing talking points for Sarah Palin, in response to those who question whether she has the experience to handle this position:

"I accepted this responsibility from Senator McCain because I have the same faith that he does that I can do this job and do it well. I face a challenge that I look forward to with relish. I can not take time to try and convince you I CAN do the job, because I need to get busy DOING it."

To those who would question how Senator McCain could choose somebody he had only met briefly:

"Senator McCain recognized that the best possible choice for Vice President could be outside the circle of his close friends and colleagues. He spent time considering what was needed and searched throughout the country for those who could fill those needs. The search took him to Governor Palin. He brought what he and his advisors had learned to their meetings and confirmed what he believed, that Sarah Palin is all the things that the American people need in a Vice President. The search was long and difficult to complete, but in the end, the choice was easy to make."

I will be looking for ways that I can get involved in and help with the campaign. I am excited for the rest of the country to see what Alaska knows, Sarah Palin is smart, strong, compassionate and ready for this challenge.

Lori Zaumseil
Anchorage, AK
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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [janice.mason@alaska.gov]
Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2008 11:20 PM
To: 'sp@hslak.com'
Cc: Hanson; Britta L (GOV); Morgan; Katryn L (GOV); McAllister; William D (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Fradley; Tara D (GOV)
Subject: Re: Sean

Governor - I have spoken to the ltgovernor and we will work through. Thanks, Janice

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Sent using BlackBerry

----- Original Message -----

From: sp@hslak.com <sp@hslak.com>

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)

Cc: Hanson, Britta L (GOV); Morgan, Katryn L (GOV); McAllister, William D (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Fradley, Tara D (GOV)

Sent: Sat Aug 30 22:12:57 2008

Subject: Sean

J- as you schedule, keep in mind the Lt. Governor is offering to pick up more of the events and speeches that I can't make, so please tap into him. Cabinet members are equipped to accept some of the invitations too. Thanks for doing so much, all! I'll see you soon- Nizich will be up there tomorrow.

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2008 7:29 PM
To: Bruce Anders; Todd; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Hugfest

Thank you so much Bruce! I'll covet your (and your family's) prayers through this! God bless YOU!!!

-------Original Message------

From: Bruce Anders

To: Governor Sarah Palin

To: Todd

To: Kris Perry

Sent: Aug 29, 2008 10:10 PM

Subject: Hugfest

Lunched today with Tom and Marty. We were dancing and hugging in the La Mex parking lot like kids on Christmas morning. GOD BLESS the McCain-Palin ticket, and GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Bruce

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From: Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=RHUGHES]
Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2008 6:19 PM
To: 'gov.palin@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: Kids 3378.jpg

Will do, Governor. How's Pennsylvania? We're praying for you.

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.palin@yahoo.com <gov.palin@yahoo.com>

To: K Perry Yahoo <krisandclark@yahoo.com>; Kperry <kperry@mccain08hq.com>; Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); McAllister, William D (GOV); Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)

Sent: Sat Aug 30 17:27:48 2008

Subject: Fw: Kids 3378.jpg

Pls give to media this most recent pic of all the kids-it's the only one of all 5 of them.

-----Original Message-----

From: fek9wnr@yahoo.com

Date: Sun, 31 Aug 2008 01:08:10

To: Sarah Heath Palin<sp@hslak.com>; Sarah<gov.sarah@yahoo.com>; Sarah Palin<gov.palin@yahoo.com>

Subject: Kids 3378.jpg

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From: McBride, Rhonda (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=RMFAUBION]
Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2008 10:20 AM
To: Sarah Palin
Subject: FW: See what I made

Sarah,

Dan McDowell made a campaign t-shirt for you. Check it out.

-----Original Message-----

From: lastfrontierman@gci.net on behalf of Dan McDowell

Sent: Sat 8/30/2008 9:08 AM

To: McBride, Rhonda (GOV)

Subject: See what I made

Rhonda.

I hope all Is well..

Here is a T-shirt I had made Yesterday and wore to the state fair.

I thought you would like this one..

Show Sarah if you get the chance she will get a chuckle out of It ...

So much for the Good Ol Boy Network.

Your friend

THE LAST FRONTIERSMAN

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From: McAllister, William D (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=WDMCALLISTER]

Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2008 1:32 PM

To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'

Subject: Fw: Hi, from Bill Kristol

Governor,

Thought you might like to see this.

Shall I travel to St. Paul as planned Monday? Anything you want in the meantime?

--Bill

Sent using BlackBerry

From: William Kristol
To: McAllister, William D (GOV)
Sent: Sat Aug 30 09:14:56 2008
Subject: Hi, from Bill Kristol

Hi there,

You must have had an interesting couple of days...Congratulations, and pls pass on to the Governor, if you would....She might be interested in my editorial in new TWS, just up online..

Would love to talk if you have a second, c: 202-230-9082

Bill K

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Let Palin Be Palin
Why the left is scared to death of McCain's running mate.
by William Kristol
09/08/2008, Volume 013, Issue 48

A spectre is haunting the liberal elites of New York and Washington--the spectre of a young, attractive, unapologetic conservatism, rising out of the American countryside, free of the taint (fair or unfair) of the Bush administration and the recent Republican Congress, able to invigorate a McCain administration and to govern beyond it.

That spectre has a name--Sarah Palin, the 44-year-old governor of Alaska chosen by John McCain on Friday to be his running mate. There she is: a working woman who's a proud wife and mother; a traditionalist in important matters who's broken through all kinds of barriers; a reformer who's a Republican; a challenger of a corrupt good-old-boy establishment who's a conservative; a successful woman whose life is unapologetically grounded in religious belief; a lady who's a leader.

So what we will see in the next days and weeks--what we have already seen in the hours after her nomination--is an effort by all the powers of the old liberalism, both in the Democratic party and the mainstream media, to exorcise this spectre. They will ridicule her and patronize her. They will distort her words and caricature her biography. They will appeal, sometimes explicitly, to anti-small town and anti-religious prejudice. All of this will be in the cause of trying to prevent the American people from arriving at their own judgment of Sarah Palin.

That's why Palin's spectacular performance in her introduction in Dayton was so important. Her remarks were cogent and compelling. Her presentation of herself was shrewd and savvy. I heard from many who watched Palin--many of them not predisposed to support her--about how moved they were by her remarks, her composure, and her story. She will have a chance to shine again Wednesday night at the Republican convention.

But before and after that, she'll be swimming in political waters infested with sharks. Her nickname when she was the starting point guard on an Alaska high school championship basketball team was "Sarah Barracuda." I suspect she'll take care of herself better than many expect.

But the McCain campaign can help. The choice of Palin was McCain's own. Many of his staff expected, and favored, other more conventional candidates. The campaign may be tempted to overreact when one rash sentence or foolish comment by Palin from 10 or 15 years ago is dragged up by Democratic opposition research and magnified by a credulous and complicit media.

The McCain campaign will have to keep its cool. It will have to provide facts and context, and to hit back where appropriate. But it cannot become obsessed with playing defense. It should allow Palin to deal with the charges directly and resist the temptation to try to shield her from the media. Palin is potentially a huge asset to McCain. He took the gamble--wisely, we think--of putting her on the ticket. McCain's choice of Palin was McCain being McCain. Now his campaign will have to let Palin be Palin.

There will be rocky moments. But they will fade if the McCain campaign lets Palin's journey take its natural course over the next two months. Millions of Americans--mostly but not only women, mostly but not only Republicans and conservatives--seemed to get a sense of energy and enjoyment and pride, not just from her nomination, but especially from her smashing opening performance. Palin will be a compelling and mold-breaking example for lots of Americans who are told every day that to be even a bit conservative or Christian or old-fashioned is bad form. In this respect, Palin can become an inspirational figure and powerful symbol. The left senses this, which is why they want to discredit her quickly.

A key moment for Palin will be the vice presidential debate, to be held at Washington University in St. Louis on October 2. One liberal commentator--a former U.S. ambassador and not normally an unabashed vulgarian--licked his chops Friday afternoon: "To steal an old adage of former Secretary of State James Baker .\u8201 ?\u8201 ?.\u8201 ?\u8201 ?. putting Sarah Palin into a debate with Joe Biden is going to be like throwing Howdy Doody into a knife fight!"

Charming. And if Palin holds her own against Biden, as she is fully capable of doing? McCain will then

have succeeded in combining with his own huge advantage in experience and judgment, a politician of great promise in his vice presidential slot who will make Joe Biden look like a tiresome relic. McCain's willingness to take a chance on Palin could turn what looked, after Obama's impressive speech Thursday night in Denver, like a long two months for Republicans and conservatives, into a campaign of excitement and--dare we say it?--hope, which will culminate on November 4 in *victory.*

--*William* Kristol

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From: "Hopkins, Kyle" <KHopkins@adn.com>
Date: Sat, 30 Aug 2008 06:27:07 -0800
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Subject: Why can't we talk to you?

Governor,

I'm really hitting a wall trying to get through to you ... Can you please help? I'm looking for a quick phone interview today. Is there a time I can call?

thanks,
kyle

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